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Executive Summary

In 2011, the Office of the Secretary of Public Safety worked with Governor Bob McDonnell and this Administration to continue to advance a “Commonwealth of Opportunity” by leading its agencies in preserving the rule of law, promoting safe communities, and protecting the quality of life for Virginia’s citizens. The Office of the Secretary of Public Safety and its agencies have assisted local, state, and federal partners with providing the public with services, resources, training, and information critical to keeping them safe and secure.

Since Governor McDonnell took office in January of 2010, the Office of the Secretary of Public Safety has piloted a number of new initiatives and has worked with the public safety agencies to improve performance in their core areas of responsibility. Additionally, throughout 2011, the Public Safety Secretariat has been challenged by an unprecedented number of natural disasters ranging from significant storms resulting in atypical tornadoes to an historic earthquake. Despite budget challenges and reduction in personnel, our public safety agencies, along with other state agencies and local partners, handled all of these disasters with outstanding response and recovery efforts. The determination, professionalism, and resilience of our public safety team were clearly demonstrated for the world to see.

Further, Virginia’s National Guard was active at home and abroad. In addition to responding to natural disasters, approximately 1,700 members of our National Guard were activated and deployed this year for the cause of freedom. They join the ranks of more than 14,000 Virginians who have deployed with the National Guard since September 11, 2001. These brave men and women serve their Country and Commonwealth with distinction. Governor McDonnell,



Photograph of a Pulaski trailer damaged by April's tornadoes.



Departure Ceremony held for Sandston-based Virginia Guard Aviation Battalion headed to Iraq.



Family, friends and members of the community welcome home about 105 Soldiers from the Christiansburg-based Company C, 1st Battalion, 116th Infantry Regiment as they returned to Virginia after serving in Iraq.

Secretary Decker and Major General Daniel Long took time throughout the year to thank these heroic Virginians, their families, and their employers for the sacrifices made to keep us all safe.

This year also marked the tenth anniversary of the vicious attacks on September 11th. Across the Commonwealth ceremonies were held in remembrance of those innocent people who were killed on that horrific day in America. Governor McDonnell, Secretary Decker, and other members of the Administration attended ceremonies throughout Virginia and, along with federal, state, and local officials, took time to thank first responders, law enforcement, and the military for their service and sacrifice.

During 2011, our Secretariat focused on the effective and efficient delivery of crucial public safety services. Critical areas of focus for our policies and initiatives included combating gangs and violent crime; domestic violence prevention and victim recovery; substance abuse prevention; and prisoner and juvenile offender re-entry. Through a partnership of local, state, and federal agencies, the Virginia Comprehensive Gang Strategy was formulated. In further support of the anti-gang initiative, the Virginia Department of Corrections, the Department of Correctional Education, the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice, the Virginia Department of State Police, Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, and the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services adopted strategic plans that address key issues relating to gangs including managing gang members in the institutions; gang member re-entry policies; and information sharing.

Throughout 2010 and 2011, the Virginia Prisoner and Juvenile Offender Re-Entry Council and its workgroups have met and submitted recommendations for re-entry planning. The Council has also assisted with the development of re-entry strategies for the Commonwealth. Policies geared toward promoting greater re-entry success have been implemented within Virginia's public safety agencies and new laws were passed in 2010 and 2011 to support this



Governor McDonnell, Secretary Decker and General Daniel Long welcome home Soldiers from a Sandston-based Virginia National Guard Battalion as they return from Iraq.



The 2011 Governor's Fire Services Awards were presented to recipients in eight categories during the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association's Expo & Symposium. The Governor's Fire Services Awards were established in 2002 as a formal recognition of excellence in Virginia's Fire Services. Nominees are reviewed and selected by the Virginia Fire Services Board Executive Committee and forwarded to the Governor through the Secretary of Public Safety for final approval.



More than 3,400 volunteers gather to assist in the search for a missing 9-year old autistic child in Hanover County in October of 2011.



*Hanover Sheriff
Col. David Hines
announces that
Robert Wood Jr.
has been found.*



effort. Through partnerships with the Council of State Governments and several Virginia universities, the Office of the Secretary of Public Safety has collaborated with local re-entry councils and received technical assistance for a variety of programs.

The Departments of State Police, Emergency Management, Fire Programs, and Military Affairs have continued to make significant contributions to public safety over the last two years. These Departments were at the forefront of major incidents in Virginia, including the commercial bus wreck on Interstate 95, the April tornadoes, Hurricane Irene, the August 23 earthquake, flooding in Northern Virginia as a result of Tropical Storm Lee, and the week-long Search & Rescue Operation in Hanover County for nine-year old autistic child, Robbie Wood, Jr. .

The Office of the Secretary of Public Safety has assembled a strong team comprised of qualified, exceptional, and dedicated leaders. During a period of significant budget reductions, these leaders, with support from their career staff, identified and addressed critical public safety challenges. Our agencies have found innovative ways to become more efficient and reduce state government bureaucracy. Moving forward, we will continue to look for ways to be more resourceful, effective, and responsive to the public safety needs of our citizens, stakeholders, and employees. We will remain focused on our critical mission of ensuring that the Commonwealth's citizens and visitors are kept safe, secure, and informed by using strategies that are proven to protect life, liberty and property.





A moment of prayer during the 14th Annual Virginia Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service.



(Left) Displays and materials for the Department of Forensic Science on exhibit at the first Virginia Public Safety Expo held at the Virginia State Police Administrative Headquarters in Richmond, Virginia.



(Right) Secretary of Public Safety Marla Graff Decker, along with Teresa Gooch with the Division of Law Enforcement at the Department of Criminal Justice Services, visit the agency displays at the Virginia Public Safety Expo.

Awareness

In September of 2011, Governor McDonnell announced that three Longwood University students won the College Campus Safety and Violence Prevention Public Service Announcement Challenge conducted by the Governor's Office of Substance Abuse Prevention (GOSAP). The contest was open to all students enrolled at a college or university in Virginia. Their video, "It Only Takes One Night to Change Your Life," will receive television airtime across the Commonwealth.



Gang prevention was once again a top priority for the Administration during 2011. Deputy Secretary John Buckovich, Virginia's Gang Coordinator participated in several events to raise awareness of gang issues. Department of Juvenile Justice, working with local, state, and federal partners, has developed strategies to combat gangs inside and outside juvenile correctional centers at the same time that aggressive measures are taken to prevent gangs from making inroads within our facilities or communities.

The Departments of State Police, Juvenile Justice, Corrections, Alcoholic Beverage Control and Criminal Justice Services have developed individual gang strategic plans and participated in the development of the statewide strategic plan.

The Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) introduced a web page devoted to re-entry initiatives. The site features current initiatives and publicizes the agency's success stories. In addition to links to various re-entry resources for DJJ staff and the public, the web page posts monthly articles that highlight DJJ's re-entry programming.

Virginia Department of State Police and the State Lottery partnered in 2011 to increase the chances of law enforcement locating a missing and endangered child during Virginia Amber Alerts. Under this new partnership, the Lottery's in-store electronic display systems now indicate the locality of the alert and offer the public instructions on providing any details regarding the abduction. The Lottery currently has more than 5,000 clerk-operated terminals and 700 Lottery Express self-service vending machines. This outreach greatly increases our chances of finding a missing child within the critical first twenty-four hours.



The Marketing and Communications Section of the Department of Fire Programs coordinated the 14th Annual Virginia Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service. The event was attended by over 700 individuals. The Department of Fire Programs expanded the agency's newly established social marketing campaign with a presence on both Facebook and Twitter. These actions and similar efforts to expand the agency's digital profile have resulted in an impressive 2,800 fans on Facebook.

The Department of State Police also uses social media for everything from recruiting to assisting in the investigation of crimes. Likewise, the Department of Military Affairs uses social media to keep deployed personnel in contact with their families and to announce positive news stories about the Guard. They also use it as a recruitment tool.

First Lady Maureen McDonnell launched the "Serving Our Service Member Families" website, which provides an on-line connection site for families of deployed soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen, national guardsmen, members of the coast guard, and their fellow Virginians, businesses, places of worship, and civic volunteer organizations to help meet their needs while their loved ones are away serving the nation. The campaign is part of FLITE, the First Lady's Initiatives Team Effort.



Department of Criminal Justice Services Director Garth Wheeler speaks to attendees at a Campus Safety Conference.

The Department of Criminal Justice Services, in collaboration with the International Association of College Law Enforcement Administrators and the Virginia Association of College Law Enforcement Administrators, hosts a National Forum on Campus Sexual Assault designed to bring together experts in the field of campus sexual assault to discuss the latest research, policies, legal challenges, interdisciplinary cooperation, and reporting issues.



Welcoming students to the ABC's Alcohol Youth Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Project (YADAPP) is Secretary of Public Safety Marla Graff Decker (right).



Education and Training

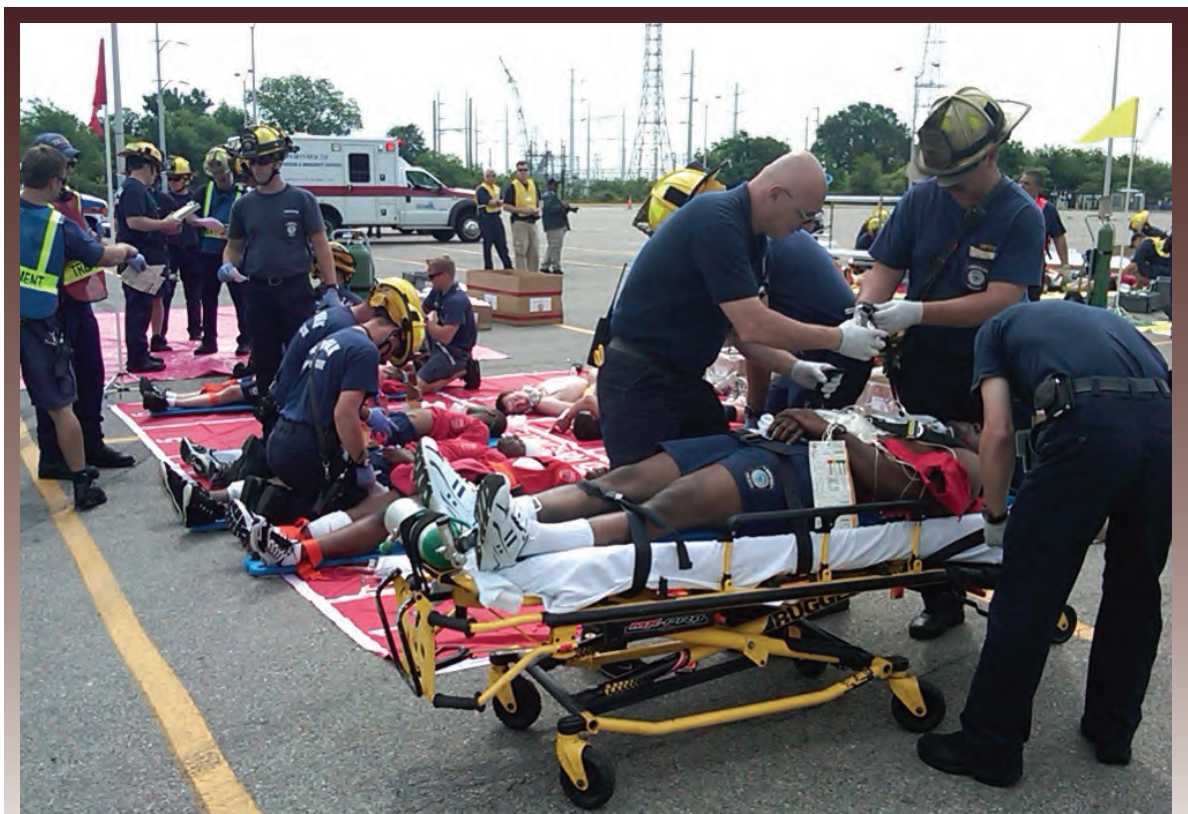
Alcoholic Beverage Control's (ABC) education section distributed more than 200,000 posters, brochures, and books last year to licensees, schools, and the general public. In addition, ABC's initiatives included the 26th Annual College Conference, with more than 200 attending students; the Youth Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Project (YADAPP) with more than 500 high school students and educators; and the Alcohol and Aging Awareness Group (AAAG) with more than 4,600 participants.



The Commonwealth Attorneys' Services Council completed another busy year of training. The Council, which met approximately 12 times this year, provided prosecutor training on a broad spectrum of topics ranging from DUI prosecution to investigation of child fatalities and abuse. The Council also coordinated gang training for law enforcement and prosecutors and hosted two annual conferences.

The Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) developed and implemented the 11th Annual School and Campus Safety Training Forum. The focus of this event, attended by more than 600 professionals, was on providing school and campus safety personnel with the latest research, tools, resources, and expertise in protecting students and staff from harm. This year's focus was on gangs and working with students with mental illnesses.

DCJS also hosted several other educational conferences and training programs, including the First Annual National Forum on Campus Sexual Assault. With more than 300 participants from over 135 colleges and universities from across the nation, the conference focused on the problems and challenges associated with reporting and prosecuting



Virginia's Department of Emergency Management team treats victims during day three of a Hampton Roads training exercise.



Chief of Staff Martin Kent speaking at the first-ever Southeastern States Public Safety Executive Summit. The summit, hosted by the McDonnell Administration in partnership with the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Department of Justice, brought together top public safety representatives from Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia, Tennessee, West Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, and Florida to examine new and emerging trends, best practices and public safety issues relating to drugs, gangs and human trafficking.

college sexual assault cases. In addition, DCJS hosted training for law enforcement as well as other public safety training including the Virginia Victim Assistance Academy, the School Safety Audit and Crisis Management Plan Certification Program, and numerous school and campus safety sessions.

Virginia's Department of Emergency Management had a long list of training accomplishments this year. Among them was their success training more than 300 Search and Rescue (SAR) personnel, the hosting of a Hazmat Symposium in Hampton Roads, and the coordination of 128 courses focusing on topics ranging from emergency management to terrorism awareness. More than 2,000 students completed the various training classes.

The 116th Basic Session graduated from the Virginia State Police Training Academy on June 24, 2011. A total of 62 trooper trainees completed the 36-week course of instruction.



Secretary Decker and Deputy Secretary Buckovich attended the 2011 Mid-Atlantic DUI Conference hosted by the Virginia Beach Police Department at the Virginia Beach Convention Center.



The Virginia State Police celebrate the graduation of its 116th generation of new troopers in June 2011.



Governor McDonnell provides updates on Hurricane Irene's impact in Virginia with U.S. Secretaries Napolitano and Vilsack.



Governor McDonnell addresses Fraternal Order of Police Rally Day.



Preparedness

Virginia's Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) and the Office of the Secretary of Public Safety work diligently in partnership with the Office of Commonwealth Preparedness to ensure citizens are made aware of proper safety procedures and how best to prepare themselves and their families in the event of a natural or man-made disaster. As part of the "Ready Virginia" Campaign, VDEM distributed almost 250,000 hurricane evacuation guides, "Ready Virginia" brochures, pamphlets for senior adults, game sheets for children, and family emergency plan worksheets. Significantly, our VDEM public affairs staff successfully provided crucial information to Virginians during the multiple disasters of 2011. Not only did they offer satellite uplink from press briefings at the VEOC to Virginia media for broadcast, VDEM also used Skype to provide interviews with national media including MSNBC and The Weather Channel.

The Department of State Police Fusion Center has taken a proactive role in front-line officer training by providing a Fusion Liaison Officer program to train local law enforcement officers and to develop a database of federal, state, local, and private law enforcement professionals. This database will enable law enforcement across the Commonwealth to be accessible for dissemination or collection of intelligence information. During 2011, the center offered seven classes to more than 150 officers, while providing additional training for more than 1,800 employees within the State Police.



Secretary of Public Safety Marla Graff Decker, Secretary of Transportation Sean Connaughton and Asst. to the Governor for Commonwealth Preparedness Terrie Suit (now Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security) discuss winter preparedness during a telephone news conference.



Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissioner Sandy Canada and Chairman Neal Insley (third and fourth from right) join Retail and Internal Audit directors Wilson Jones and John Wszelaki in presenting employees of ABC Store 069 in Chesapeake with a Perfect Audit Award.



Virginia Department of Fire Programs Caroline County Regional School Vehicle Extraction Training Session.

Prevention

The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) demonstrated a commitment to excellence through their efforts to reduce underage sales. By working with licensees on compliance training, ABC achieved average compliance rates of 90 percent. Sales associates estimate an approximate 2.2 million ID challenges, which contributes to an overall ABC compliance rate of 98 percent.

The State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) conducted 904 Life Safety Code Inspections, 7,541 Fire Prevention Inspections, 2,215 State Construction Inspections and 512 Critical Infrastructure Key Assets Inspections. Further, the SFMO processed 1,265 Life Safety Code reports, issued 96 Operational Permits, 149 permits to sell or store explosives, 115 permits to use explosives, 3 permits to manufacture explosives, and processed 234 Blaster Certifications and Background Clearance Cards.

The Virginia State Police (VSP) and the United States Marshal Service in the Eastern District of Virginia conducted the largest multi-agency sex offender registry verification in Virginia's history in October of 2011. The two agencies verified addresses for over 400 violent sex offenders throughout the metropolitan areas of Virginia. Shortly afterwards, as part of the same operation, VSP, US Marshals, and the Department of Corrections, Probation, and Parole teamed up with local law enforcement to locate and arrest 24 convicted sex offenders who were wanted on 36 different warrants in Richmond, Henrico, and Fairfax. The 24 arrestees were all wanted on at least one count of providing false information or failing to register as required by state law.

The Department of Corrections is committed to preventing violence in DOC facilities. As a result of redoubled efforts to track and reduce the prevalence of violence, serious assaults in DOC facilities declined in 2011.



The WERP unit at Bon Air Juvenile Correctional Center teaches independent living skills in a setting modeled after most homes. The 13-week program teaches skills to improve communication and foster positive relationships. This is a part of Governor McDonnell's re-entry program for juvenile offenders.



The Governor presents a proclamation to Lt. Col. Scott Smith and Command Sgt. Maj. John Braziel III of the 116th Brigade Combat Team upon their return from Iraq.

Seventy-five soldiers from the Virginia National Guard's Troop C, 2nd Squadron, 183rd Cavalry returning to friends and family members in Virginia Beach in December of 2011. The Soldiers returned to the Commonwealth after approximately six months of duty serving in Iraq.



Soldiers of the Virginia National Guard Counterdrug Program working with the Drug Enforcement Administration to destroy more than 9,450 pounds of unwanted, unused, and potentially harmful prescription drugs collected from more than 160 sites across the Commonwealth.



Enforcement

The Virginia National Guard continues to support the Global War on Terror. Several units performed critical missions overseas, including the 116th Brigade Combat Team Headquarters, which mobilized with 70 days notice for duty in Afghanistan. In addition, 825 soldiers in Task Force 183 mobilized for Iraq. This was the largest single unit mobilization since World War II. The 203rd RED HORSE unit, consisting of over 120 airmen, deployed to various Southwest Asia locations and performed several successful operations over a period of six months before returning home in October. Also returning home were more than 1,100 Virginia Guard Soldiers serving on federal active duty in Iraq. This Administration joined friends, family, and members of the community across Virginia to welcome these Virginia heroes home. Governor McDonnell, Secretary Deck, Chief of Staff Martin Kent, and Major General Daniel Long attended various events.

This year was a successful year for Virginia's anti-gang initiatives. Governor McDonnell is committed to assisting local law enforcement combat gang activity in Virginia. The Office of the Secretary of Public Safety has worked closely with state, local, and federal agencies and other partners to promote coordinated efforts to combat gangs. The Office of the Attorney General, the Department of Corrections Gang Unit, the Virginia Fusion Center, ABC Enforcement, and the Virginia State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Field Offices have worked together to find effective solutions to address the ongoing criminal activity of gangs. Several initiatives took place this year as a result of the added efforts, including identifying and eradicating a criminal enterprise operating out of DOC, and ongoing work to engage in criminal investigations and prosecutions targeting criminal street gangs within the Commonwealth.

Several local enforcement agencies have been actively addressing gang activity in Northern Virginia. The BCI Fairfax Field Office and the Northern Virginia Gang Task Force conducted numerous investigations between January and October of 2011 which resulted in the execution of 51 search warrants, 136 felony arrests, 132 misdemeanor arrests, and the arrests of 70 gang members. In total, 2 revolvers, 8 semi-automatic pistols, 3 shotguns, 9 knives, and 7 blunt striking objects were recovered, in addition to the seizure of more than 100 grams of crack cocaine, 290 grams of powder cocaine, and 1,000 grams of marijuana.

Special Agent Brent Weaver of the Staunton Regional Office represented ABC Bureau of Law Enforcement in the annual "National Night Out" event in Staunton, Va. The annual event is designed to encourage interaction between citizens and law enforcement agencies in their community.





Governor McDonnell Ceremonially Signs Legislation to Strengthen Prisoner Re-Entry Policies.



Prisoner Re-entry

In May of 2010, Governor McDonnell signed Executive Order 11, establishing the Virginia Prisoner and Juvenile Offender Re-Entry Council. Since then, re-entry initiatives have played a key role in the Governor's agenda and many positive changes have resulted from this work. As part of the Governor's overall prisoner re-entry initiative, all Intensive Re-entry Programs outlined in the Virginia Adult Re-entry Initiative have been successfully implemented by the Department of Corrections (DOC).

Further, in coordination with the DOC, the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) supported several new programs to help reduce recidivism in the Commonwealth. For the first time in four years, DCJS used federal Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Funds to support new initiatives in the form of three new drug treatment programs in state prisons and local jails. DCJS also awarded several continuation grants to non-profit agencies to provide for adult re-entry services such as job training, job placement, and other assistance for offenders being released back to our communities.

The Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) partnered with Virginia Commonwealth University's *Virginia Mentoring Partnership*, and through the use of grant funds provided by the Governor's Office of Substance Abuse Prevention (GOSAP), developed the Faith Based Mentoring Program. The program currently has eight active mentorship programs in the Commonwealth. DJJ also implemented a Healthy Relationships Program for its female population, which includes a 13-week curriculum teaching communication and positive relationship skills.

The Department of Corrections utilized agribusiness products to reduce DOC's costs at the same time that it provided valuable offender training for re-entry. Through the agribusiness operation, the agency provides offenders with their meals at a cost of \$1.95 per day. The program realized more than \$19.7 million in sales in FY2011 and provides inmates with valuable job training for re-entry success.



Secretary Decker and Policy Advisor Banci Tewolde (not pictured) attended the Virginia Correctional Association's 2011 Training Institute. Using the theme "Re-entry and Beyond..." the institute provided an opportunity for attendees to learn more about re-entry efforts.



The Virginia Department of Corrections (DOC) has won five past Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards

Participants from Left to Right: Hugh Hensley, Environmental Specialist; Meghan Mayfield, Air Compliance Manager; Maureen Matsen, Deputy Secretary of Natural Resources and Senior Advisor on Energy; Doug Domenech, Secretary of Natural Resources; Harold Clarke, Director, DOC; Tony Parnell, Senior Environmental Specialist; Harvey Smith, Fleet Manager; Rusty Vanness, Remediation Manager; A. David Robinson, Chief of Corrections, Operations; and David Palyor, DEQ Director



Governor McDonnell holds a press briefing teleconference regarding hurricane Irene

Efficiency

The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) showed tremendous community support through their energy conservation programs. These included recycling 334 tons of cardboard, representing an average of one ton per store for all of Virginia. Moreover, the Department managed to recycle 23 tons of shrink-wrap and 40 tons of office paper.

In keeping with the Governor's dedication to creating government efficiencies, the Department of Correctional Education (DCE) reorganized their central office staff, realizing several hundred thousand dollars of savings. The Department of Corrections (DOC) also re-evaluated the management structure of the agency with efficiency in mind. By consolidating and focusing on reducing unnecessary expenditures, DOC expects to save more than \$700,000 per year.

The Department of Corrections also avoided an impressive cost of over \$2.2 million in water and energy supplies by implementing conservation measures at all DOC facilities. This cost avoidance was calculated by the International Protocol for Measurement and Verification. In addition, DOC avoided roughly \$9 million in health care costs through re-negotiating its private health care contract and revising the DOC health care services that are available to inmates, making them more efficient and cost effective.

The Virginia Parole Board, when it assumed office in February, was faced with cases dating back to 2009. During 2011, the Board processed all backlogged cases and is current in all areas of its duties. Additionally, the McDonnell Parole Board has established policies, procedures, and practices designed to efficiently and effectively manage the docket while ensuring maximum contact with the offender, victims, and interested parties. The Board also meets regularly with DOC partners, stakeholder groups, and community groups to provide information and seek input.

The Virginia National Guard relocated their Joint Force Headquarters to Mullins Armory. This move saved the Commonwealth approximately \$200,000.



The Virginia National Guard in Mullins Armory.



VDFP Arson Investigators Participate in a Trailer Live Burn Exercise.



*Virginia Fire Marshal Academy
Chief Bobby Bailer monitors
the Trailer Live Burn from a
separate computer monitor.
(Photo courtesy of the Bristol Herald Courier)*

Innovation

Consistent with the Governor's commitment to improving the State's use of beneficial technology and providing improved service at a lower cost, the Virginia Department of Fire Programs (VDFP) leveraged the Commonwealth's ability to offer internet based and electronic training. VDFP has increased the number of agency training courses available through the Knowledge Center to twelve and currently reports over 5,500 registered users.

VDFP also continued its commitment to innovative training strategies by acquiring three Firefighter I & II Mobile Burn Trailers (MBTs), funded by the Virginia Fire Services Board, for use in areas of the Commonwealth where traditional "burn buildings" are not available or economical. The units are an added asset to the Commonwealth's firefighters in lessening the burden of traveling to reach a fixed burn building. As a result, more firefighters have been able to certify their basic levels of competency.



The virtual layout of the Virginia Department of Fire Programs Fire Service Training Knowledge Center. This online classroom has made training courses easier to offer and created savings for the agency.

The Department of Forensic Science (DFS) made strides in its technological capabilities during 2011. After the media reports surrounding California's implementation of familial DNA searching to identify and apprehend the suspect of a 25-year long serial murder investigation, prosecutors and law enforcement in Virginia asked for this tool. After extensive analysis, DFS determined that the software could be effectively utilized in Virginia and the procedure was adopted ahead of schedule. This new state of the art technology adds to Virginia's ability to solve the most heinous of crimes.

The High-Tech Crimes Division of the Virginia State Police procured an Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) grant to purchase a mobile digital evidence laboratory. The vehicle is equipped with digital technology and forensic equipment and, in addition to being used throughout the Commonwealth, is also made available to Washington DC Task Force affiliates. The vehicle has been used successfully at child exploitation crime scenes to hasten the identification and recovery of vital evidence for ICAC investigations.

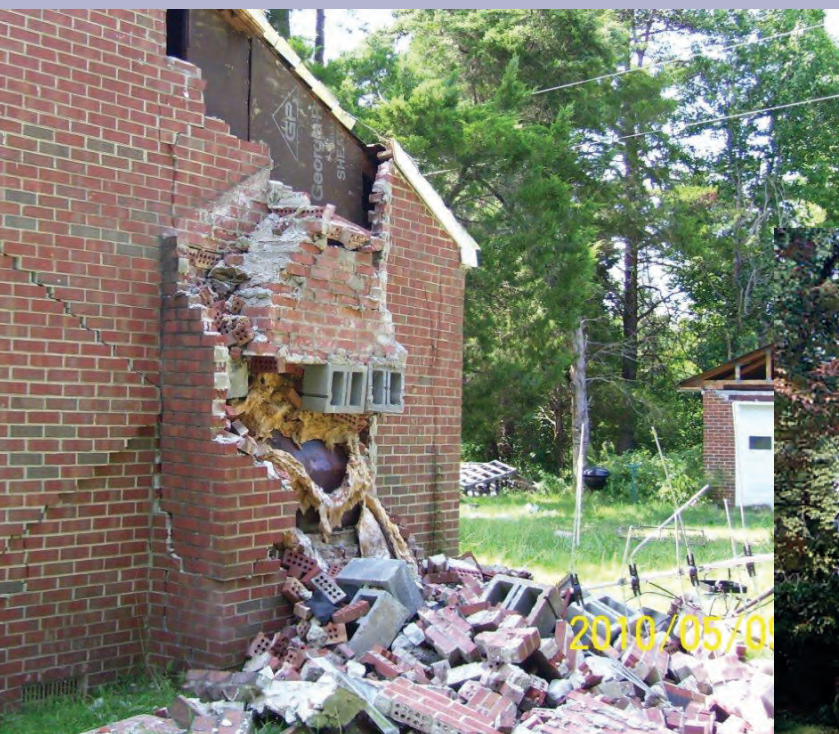


Pictured is one of the latent-fingerprint analysts working in the Department of Forensic Science laboratory in Manassas.

(Photo courtesy of the Washington Post)



Aftermath of the April Tornado in Halifax County.



This photo from Virginia's Department of Emergency Management shows the damage done to a residence in Louisa County by the August earthquake.

Hurricane Irene destroys a roof outside the City of Richmond.



Response

This year was an exceptionally busy year for Virginia's first responders. In short, the Commonwealth fell victim to tornadoes, tropical storms, forest fires, and severe flooding, as well as an earthquake, hurricane, and snowstorm. Despite these challenges, our public safety agencies responded quickly and effectively to each emergency. The Virginia Department of Emergency Management coordinated response and recovery efforts throughout the Commonwealth, handling multiple events simultaneously. Much like 2010, on several occasions Virginia was praised locally and nationally for its emergency management efforts.

In August of 2011, in response to unmet needs of citizens impacted by disasters, Governor McDonnell developed the Disaster Relief Fund and declared it a permanent part of Virginia's relief efforts. Proceeds are distributed as grants to Local Disaster Recovery Groups. In total, the fund has raised more than \$1.5 million to assist fellow Virginians in need, more than \$600,000 of which came from state sources. This fund, administered by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, is reserved for situations when no federal assistance is available and serves as a "last resort" to aid victims.

ABC volunteered assistance for victims of the 2011 tornadoes. After two Richmond stores began collecting tax-deductible donations in early July, the program expanded to all 334 stores by the middle of the month. By October, donations had exceeded \$175,000.

VDEM responded to a series of natural disasters in the Commonwealth during 2011. The VDEM Search and Rescue (SAR) teams responded to 74 missions throughout the state, resulting in 39 lives saved, seven bodies recovered, and 20 evidence searches in support of criminal investigations. In addition to these emergencies, SAR teams in Hanover County coordinated the successful search for a missing autistic child. The search party consisted of more than 3,400 volunteers and ranks as one of the largest in Virginia history.

Virginia State Police (VSP) received regional and national praise for their response to several natural disasters. Emergency response personnel reacted quickly and effectively to assist localities with search and rescue operations,



Governor McDonnell, surrounded by community leaders, storm victims, and corporate and individual donors, announces an additional \$1.1 million dollars in pledges and donations for the Virginia Disaster Relief Fund in August of 2011.



Secretary Marla Graff Decker tours the damage in Pulaski, Virginia.

Governor McDonnell surveys damage and meets with first responders in Washington County, Virginia.



Governor McDonnell, Chief of Staff Martin Kent, and Secretary Decker surveying damage and thanking first responders in Washington County, Virginia approximately one year after the 2011 tornados.



provided security checkpoints to prevent unlawful behaviors, coordinated efforts to assist disabled vehicles, and provided resources to assist with dramatic increases in motor vehicle crashes.

The Department of Corrections (DOC) also assisted emergency response crews during the natural disasters of 2011. DOC Emergency Management activated staff to respond to recovery efforts following the tornadoes in Southwest Virginia, the Mineral earthquake, Hurricane Irene, and the October search for Robbie Wood. Further, to ensure that DOC staff are fully prepared in case of an emergency, the Department held several exercises throughout the year that included training involving intensive interdiction scenarios, prisoner escape, riot and disturbance control, tornadoes, fires, chemical fires, hazmat, food-borne poisoning, influenza outbreak, and scabies outbreaks.



Debris after a tornado in Deltaville, Virginia.

Virginia State Police (VSP) also played a critical role before and during several of the 2011 natural disasters. Sworn personnel were placed on unrestricted stand-by for the February snow storm, and swift-water rescue teams were pre-positioned to targeted positions allowing for rapid deployment during Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. VSP's pre-planning and pre-positioning of additional personnel enabled us to effectively handle everything that came our way in 2011—from hurricanes and tornadoes, to earthquakes, snowstorms, and floods.

VSP was also prepared for several less unexpected events. In September, during the tenth anniversary memorials for September 11, 2001, VSP coordinated extensively with federal, state, and local agencies to create strategic traffic and safety plans for the Richmond NASCAR event. Utilizing canines for pre-event sweeps and creating comprehensive operations plans ensured safety for patrons of the race. The VSP, along with local law enforcement, also devised and executed operational plans relating to the tenth anniversary memorial services throughout Virginia, including the ceremony at the Pentagon. In addition, State Police worked with members of the United States Secret Service to coordinate several security plans for visits by President Obama. The Department also assisted the City of Richmond Police Department and Capitol Police with planning and protection efforts during the occupation protests at Kanawah Park and at the Capitol.



In an effort to ensure responsiveness to the needs of victims of crime, DCJS maintains a toll-free statewide number for crime victims called the “Crime Victim Info-Line.” In 2011, the service responded to 835 calls from victims.

The Virginia National Guard supported response efforts following Hurricane Irene. In the Commonwealth, Guard personnel assisted VSP with clearing nearly 350 fallen trees and rescuing 10 stranded motorists. In our effort to assist sister states, the Guard deployed to Vermont, which was hit very hard by Hurricane Irene. In Vermont, Guard Soldiers managed six 20-ton dump trucks to transport more than 780 loads of rock and dirt to help repair approximately 400 miles of damaged roadways.

In an effort to be more responsive victims, families and offenders, the Parole Board developed a closer working relationship with the Department of Corrections. The Board visited four different prisons to meet with wardens and staff to advise them about Parole Board programs. In addition, the Board developed a system to proactively outreach to victims, stakeholder groups, and interested parties.



Governor McDonnell welcomes guests to the 2011 Medal of Honor awards ceremony, where Secretary Decker and Deputy Secretary Buckovich present the recipients with their awards.



Officer Ricky E. Hayes, Town of Hillsville Police Department



Deputy William R. Lyons, III, Carroll County Sheriff's Office



Captain William D. Reynolds, Virginia Beach Fire Department



Firefighter Hope S. Scott, Virginia Beach Fire Department



Trooper S. Matthew Cochran, Virginia State Police

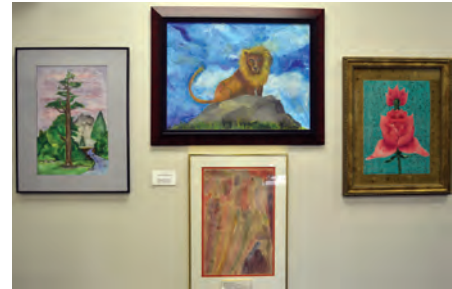


Captain Stuart Whitehead, Virginia Department of Corrections

Recognition

High school students in our juvenile facilities and the committed staff of DCE and DJJ are dedicated to excellence. The Junior ROTC program at John H. Smyth High School at Hanover Juvenile Correctional Center received a near perfect rating from the United States Army. They received 993.56 out of a possible 1000 points. The battalion has received ratings of 99 percent or better on its last four tri-annual inspections.

A selection committee, organized by Governor McDonnell with the task of considering candidates nominated from each state agency, chose Anthony McLaurin of DCE as the “Commonwealth Agency Star” for 2011. Mr. McLaurin, a high school history teacher who joined DCE in 2004, was honored at the Executive Mansion for his contributions to the agency. Mr. McLaurin was also recently named as a finalist for the prestigious R.E.B. Award, which honors teaching excellence among K-12 teachers in the Richmond metropolitan area.



Artwork created by residents of the Juvenile Correctional Centers is showcased at the General Assembly building during the legislative session.

In February, the 2011 Governor’s Fire Service Awards were presented to recipients in eight categories during the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association’s Expo & Symposium opening ceremonies. Established in 2002, the awards honor those demonstrating excellence in Virginia’s Fire Services. This year, awards were presented to David Jolly on Namozine Fire & EMS, the Virginia Beach Life Safety Brigade, Chief Charles Werner of Charlottesville Fire Department, the Troutville Volunteer Fire Department, Karen Barnes of Norfolk Fire Marshal’s Office, the Virginia Fire Prevention Association, the Hanover Fire-EMS, the Virginia Beach Fire Department, John Pritchard, and Craig Thompson.

The Honorable Robert S. O’Neal, chief administrative law judge at the Virginia Department of Alcohol and Beverage Control, has been elected to a two-year term on the Board of Governors of the National Association of Administrative Law Judiciary (NAALJ). Having served in his ABC position since 2001, Robert also serves as a charter mentor for administrative law judges throughout the United States and Canada.



The Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police selected Mr. James Larry Howell to receive the Outstanding Contribution to Law Enforcement Award for 2011. Mr. Howell, Lead VCIN Analyst with VSP, was honored in September for his “conspicuous act or achievement in the performance of a duty that results in an exceptional and responsible contribution to law enforcement.” Mr. Howell has been working for VSP since July of 1970 in various positions and currently

Governor McDonnell with Anthony McLaurin, a high school history instructor at two Department of Correctional Education (DCE) schools in the Richmond metropolitan area, was named Virginia’s Agency Star for 2011.



John Pritchard and Craig Thompson receive the Governor's Fire Services Award for "Civilian Life Saving" which recognizes any civilian, with no fire service affiliation, who exemplifies an outstanding dedication to helping protect the citizens of Virginia against the devastating effects of fire.

The winners celebrate the championship game through the Recreation & Extracurricular Activities Program (IREAP) at a Juvenile Correctional Center (JCC).



Retired Virginia State Police 1st Sgt. Lisa K. Roakes of Amherst County received the Mid-Atlantic Association of Women in Law Enforcement (MAAWLE) 2011 Lifetime Achievement Award for her 25 years of dedicated service. Sgt. Roakes passed away in September of 2011 at the age of 48 after a long fight with breast cancer.



works as a programming analyst where he oversees approximately 4,300 VCIN terminals in more than 700 agencies.

The 2011 Medal of Valor was presented to Officer Ricky E. Hayes of the Hillsville Police Department, Captain William D. Reynolds and Firefighter Hope S. Scott of the Virginia Beach Fire Department, and Captain Stuart Whitehead of the Virginia Department of Corrections. Additionally, the 2011 Commonwealth Public Safety Meritorious Service Medal Award was presented to Deputy William R. Lyons Carroll County and Trooper S. Matthew Cochran of the Virginia State Police for heroism in the line of duty.



Secretary Decker, pictured with Virginia Department of Corrections (DOC) Director Harold Clarke, attended the Director's Awards Banquet at The Virginia Department of Corrections Leadership Institute. Awards were presented to DOC employees who exemplified the Department's six values: ethical, achieving, purposeful, supportive, and fulfilling.



Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police President Douglas L. Davis, retired, presents the VACP/VPCF Award for Valor to Officer Berry H. Sossoman, Jr. of the Danville Police Department.



Governor McDonnell, accompanied by the First Lady and Secretary Decker, presenting the Virginia Governor's National Service Medal to a Soldier from the Lynchburg-based 1st Battalion, 116th Infantry Regiment, 116th Brigade Combat Team during the unit's Freedom Salute in Roanoke.



The award-winning 2011 Virginia Department of Corrections Agency Report.

Performance and Achievement

In January of 2011, the Virginia DNA Data Bank had its 7,000th hit, and in September 2011, its 7,500th. These milestones underscore the importance of DNA evidence and analysis as an effective crime-solving tool.

2011 was a record year for the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), ending with \$692.9 million in gross sales. These sales resulted in the collection of more than \$190 million in taxes on store sales of wine and beer, \$121 million dollars of net profit contribution to the Commonwealth, and an additional \$27.9 million of general sales tax totalling \$339 million.

The Department of Corrections received two awards for their 2011 Virginia Department of Corrections Agency Report, an annual document that is provided to all stakeholders. The publication received the Gold Hermes Creative Award, which rewards creative professionals for their achievements in concept, writing, and designing of marketing materials and programs. The report also received an Award of Distinction at the 18th Annual Communicator Awards, which honors creative excellence in advertising, corporate communications, public relations, and identity work.

The Department of Corrections also received two awards from the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign. The agency received the Pacesetter Award for second place in the state with over \$460,000 in total donations, including direct giving and Special Olympics donations. The DOC also received the Shining Star Award for exceeding the agency's previous year contributions.

The Department of Correctional Education (DCE), along with Southside Virginia Community College, received the Excellence in Education Award from Virginia Polytechnic Institute for their "Campus within Walls" program. The program, which operates at both the Greensville and the Lunenburg Correctional Centers, includes a learning facility featuring tutors, full-time faculty, and virtual classroom resources. The program aims to reduce recidivism and create significant savings for the Commonwealth.

The Virginia National Guard received \$350,000 in funding for a STARBASE youth education program in Winchester. The program, which will be hosted at the Cherry-Beasley Readiness Center, is designed to improve math and science skills for children ages six to eighteen.



The Virginia Department of Fire Programs (VDFP) maintained its Environmental Enterprise (E2) Certification through the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). In addition, VDFP received the Fleet Management Award for safe driving during 2011.



The Department of Forensic Science DNA Databank Statistics include "DNA Databank Statistics" and "Offender/Arrestee Samples in Database" and may be found at www.dfs.virginia.gov/statistics.



Conclusion

Virginia's public safety professionals strive every day to keep our citizens safe and secure. Through innovative and efficient strategies, they are able to reduce criminal activity, enforce the law, and respond appropriately to the modern day challenges they face. They also serve to prepare and educate the public and other public safety professionals, as well as prepare offenders for re-entry into communities after serving their sentences. The Office of the Secretary of Public Safety provides the guidance and support necessary to keep Virginia's public safety agencies operating in a coordinated manner, allowing them to provide the very best service possible to the citizens of the Commonwealth. It is an honor to offer this report on behalf of all of Virginia's state public safety professionals.

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